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13	In re:	Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)	
14	PG&E CORPORATION,	Chapter 11	
15	- and –		
16	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC	(Lead Case)	
17	COMPANY,	(Jointly Administered)	
18	Debtors.	JOINDER BY BAUM HEDLUND ARISTEI GOLDMAN CAMP FIRE VICTIMS	
19		CLIENTS IN THE OBJECTION TO	
20		DEBTORS' MOTIONS [Dkt. No. 5282] AND [Dkt. No. 5284] FILED BY CLAIMANTS	
21		ELIZABETH ADAMS, MARY ADAMS, AND DAVID AGOSTINO, ET AL. [Dkt. No. 5459]	
22		<b>Date:</b> January 29, 2020	
23		Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) Place: United States Bankruptcy Court	
24		Courtroom 17, 16th Floor	
25		San Francisco, CA 94102	
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27		TITLED COURT, THE DEBTORS AND THEIR	
28	ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, AND OTHER INTERESTED		
	PARTIES:		
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Claimants Majesti Mai Bagorio, Michelle Dawn Barker, Melissa Rae Barnard, and Sara Joanne Bates, et al. (collectively, the "Additional Objecting Camp Fire Claimants") (listed fully in Appendix A), which include nearly 200 victims of the 2018 Camp Fire, hereby object<sup>11</sup> to the Debtors' Motion Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) and 105(a) and Fed R. Bankr. P. 6004 and 9019 For Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Settle the Claims of Tubbs Preference Claimants and (II) Granting Related Relief (the "Tubbs Settlement Motion") [Dkt. No. 5282], and the Debtors' Motion Pursuant to 11 U.S.C §§ 105(a) and 107(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9018 for Entry of an Order Authorizing Redaction and Sealing of Confidential Information from Tubbs Settlement Documents ("Tubbs Redaction Motion") [Dkt. No.5284], and incorporate as fully set forth herein the Objection filed by the Objecting Camp Fire Claimants [Dkt. No. 5459] and in addition state as follows:

1. The Settlement with Tubb preference violates the strong presumption of the public's right to know. S. California Edison Co. & San Diego Gas & Elec. Co., 49 FERC ¶ 63029, 65128 (Dec. 5, 1989). PG&E cannot establish a reasonable rationale for this court to reject that presumption. PG&E is a quasi-governmental entities as are all public utilities.

> "Openness in government is essential to the functioning of a democracy. 'Implicit in the democratic process is the notion that government should be accountable for its actions. In order to verify accountability, individuals must have access to government files. Such access permits checks against the arbitrary exercise of official power and secrecy in the political process." (International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO v. Superior Court (2007) 42 Cal.4th 319, 328–329, 64 Cal.Rptr.3d 693, 165 P.3d 488). City of Los Angeles v. Metro. Water Dist. of S. California, 42 Cal. App. 5th 290, 306, 255 Cal. Rptr. 3d 202, 217 (Ct. App. 2019).

2. The Tubbs "preference" settlement and its secrecy violates the statutory and constitutional prohibition against secret preferences by public utilities. Indeed the very language of the proposed agreement incorporates both of these prohibitions: preferences and secrecy. These prohibitions have been discussed in many contexts. However, the opinions consistently reject any activity by a public utility that discriminates in favor of or against some rate payers over others.<sup>2</sup> That is exactly what PG&E attempts to do here. Referring to the California Constitution and the Federal Interstate Commerce and Hepburn Acts, the California Second Circuit concluded:

> These provisions ... are designed to insure that carriers operating as public utilities serve the public without ... secret preferences ... (Cal. Portland Cement Co. v. Public Util. Comm., 49 Cal.2d 171, 315 P.2d 709; People v. Western Air Lines, 42 Cal.2d 621, 268 P.2d 723.) Koffman v. Modern-Imperial Co., 239 Cal. App. 2d 135, 136-37, 48 Cal. Rptr. 492, 493 (Ct. App. 1966).

**Secrecy** in public utility dealings are prohibited. Am. States Pub. Serv. Co. v. Rath, 2 Cal. 2d 670, 42 P.2d 1010 (1935) [secret profits prohibited in sale of utility]. "The public in general and the consumers in particular are interested in the relations existing between the corporation and each of its consumers." Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. v. Universal Elec. & Gas Co., 197 Cal. 376, 384, 241 P. 76, 80 (1925).

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, the Additional Objecting Camp Fire Claimants submit this joinder and objection and respectfully request that the Court (i) deny the Tubbs Redaction Motion, (ii) require the Debtors and the Tubbs Preference Claimants to fully disclose the terms of their settlements,

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and (iii) withhold approval of the Tubbs Settlement Motion until the Debtors and the Tubbs Preference Claimants have fully disclosed the terms of their settlements. Dated: January 23, 2020 Respectfully submitted, BAUM HEDLUND ARISTEI GOLDMAN /S/ Ronald L.M. Goldman By:\_ Ronald L.M. Goldman Diane Marger Moore, Pro Hac Vice Attorneys for Creditors, Majesti Mai Bagorio, et al. 

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## **EXHIBIT A** 1 2 3 Balsiger, Justine 4 Barker, Michelle 5 Barnard, Melissa, David Barnard, Tristan Barnard, Aiden Barnard & Hunter Barnard 6 7 Bates, Sarah 8 9 Bird, Douglas, Kathy Bird, Devon Bird 10 Bird, Devon, Alexis Liles, Ayden Evans 11 Bird, Douglas, Kathy Bird 12 Bird, Douglas, Kathy Bird (Rental) 13 14 Bustamante, Rudy, Bustamante, Diego 15 Cameron, Denise 16 Chambers, Tom 17 Christian, Kathy 18 19 Costa, Lynn 20 Culley, Denise, Emmett Culley 21 Darrin, Daniel 22 Dechter, Lorraine (2 homes) 23 24 Dechter, Lorraine (Studio) 25 Deen, Janet 26 Delaney, Colleen, Struthers, John 27 Dobra, Susan, John Michael Sun 28

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1	Ferreira Steve, Ghirardelli, Jill	
2	Flores, Lisa (2 houses)	
3	Garcia, Jerry, Sharon Garcia	
4	Gilbertson, Regan, Wayne Wise, Chad Wise	
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6 7	Gottowski, Gary, Rebecca Gottowski (HOME)	
8	Gottowski, Gary, Rebecca Gottowski	
9	Griffin, Suzanne (Rental)	
10	Griffin, Suzanne (Mobile)	
11	Haber, Tom, Jeanne Haber (Home)	
12	Haber, Tom, Jeanne Haber	
13	Jolley, Joan, Jane Ann Balsiger	
14	Jones, Norman	
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16	Joseph, Daniel	
17 18	Kasza, Elizabeth	
19	Kasza, Elizabeth J.	
20	Koenig, David	
21	Kunst, John, Vicki Kunst	
22	Kunst, John, Vicki Kunst (Rental)	
23	Kunst, John, Vicki Kunst	
24		
25	Lawhun, Jolene, Mateo Lawhun, Alec Lawhun	
26	Lawhun, Nicole, Steven Lawhun, Monica Mae Baggorio, Majesti Mai Bagorio, Yhana Mia Quinones-Gallegos, David Astrup (Minors -Margarita & Mauricia)	
27	Linda Gunn, Lucille Lawhun	
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1	Lamanina Mark Ctary Lamanina (Minara Trinity Jackalla and James Lamanina)
2	Lazzarino, Mark, Stacy Lazzarino, (Minors - Trinity, Isabella and James Lazzarino)
3	Lewis Kelly, Quigley, Michael (Home)
4	Lewis Kelly, Quigley, Michael (Rental)
5	Luce, David, Jeri Ann Luce
6	Luce, Edward
7	
8	Lundberg, David, Jerry Ann Lundberg
9	Maria Madruga, Noah Madruga
10	Magalia Community Church
11	Matson, Kelly
13	McKinnon, Mark, WendyMcKinnon
14	Menezova, Maria, Tonetti, Elena
15	Miller-George, Sandra, John Miller-George
16	Morch, Andreas, Joanne Morch
17 18	Moseley, Pamela
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20	Myers, Jean Marie, James Myers
21	Paradise Community Guild (Phelps-Zink)
22	Parker, Rosalie & Switzer Paul
23	Petersen, Jennifer Ann, David Pendergast, Michael Petersen, Logan Pendergast, Porter
24	Petersen, Cheryl Pendergast, Wilbert Pendergast, Jr. Phelps-Zink, David, LoriPhelps-Zink
25	Poe, William & Moraes, Maria (Lotus)
26	Quattlander, Karen, Walden, Michael
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28	Renn, Carole Louise – (De Lis Mingo)

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1	Rose, Jim
2	Schuttenberg, Mark, Tanya Shuttenberg
3	Smelser, Matthew, Alexander, Brandy
5	Stewart, Donald, Sara Stewart, Jessie Stewart (Minors Griffin & River)
6	Strange, Wendy
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8	Thorn, Steven
9	Toci, William, Diana Toci
10	Turner, Meghan, Charles Turner (Minors- Wesley & Hudson)
11	Varlinsky, Ray, Love, Marianna
12	Ward, Nicholas –(Bainbridge, Robert, deceased)
13	Westrope, Anthony
14	Williams, Robert
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16	Winterburn, Anthony, Alexandria Winterburn (Aria & Hayden)
17 18	Wonacott, Victoria
19	Yang, Zongmei
20	Bensel, Connie
21	Sprague, Andy & Janelle Sprague - (Home)
22	Sprague, Andy & Janelle Sprague - (Business)
23	Sprague, Andy & Janelle Sprague - (Business Property)
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25	Sherman, Fay & Anne Sherman Home
26	Sherman, Fay & Anne Sherman Daughter lived there
27	Inoglia, Joseph & Arlene Inoglia Home
28	Inoglia, Joseph & Arlene Inoglia Rental

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## PROOF OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause. My business address is Baum Hedlund Aristei Goldman, 10940 Wilshire Boulevard, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California 90024. On this day, January 23, 2020, I served the following document(s) in the manner described below:

JOINDER BY BAUM HEDLUND ARISTEI GOLDMAN CAMP FIREVICTIMS CLIENTS IN THE OBJECTION TO DEBTORS' MOTIONS [Dkt. No. 5282] AND [Dkt. No. 5284] FILED BY CLAIMANTS ELIZABETH ADAMS, MARY ADAMS, AND DAVID AGOSTINO, ET AL. [Dkt. No. 5459]

VIA ECF: I caused the aforementioned documents to be filed via the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, on all parties registered for e-filing in Case Number Case No. 19-30088 (DM). Counsel of record are required by the Court to be registered e-filers, and as such are automatically e-served with a copy of the documents upon confirmation of e-filing.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on January 23, 2020.

Diane Marger Moore
DIANE MARGER MOORE

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